

Congregation Brothers of Israel Synagogue
85 Second Avenue
Long Branch
Monmouth County
New Jersey

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Monmouth	TOWN OR VICINITY Long Branch
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Congregation Brothers of Israel Synagogue		HABS NO. NJ-924
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 85 Second Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1917-1918 (Cornerstone)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The synagogue is significant in the religious development of Long Branch. Congregation Brothers of Israel was founded in 1898, and was the only Orthodox temple in Long Branch. The architecture of the synagogue is significant as a vernacular/eclectic interpretation of the Romanesque revival style.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Romanesque revival, with classical portico and Byzantine influences.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick walls over steel frame, cast iron columns on lower story, wood roof framing, wood floors, pressed metal ceilings and wall finish		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, approx. 60'x68'; stair towers on west facade extend approx. 5' beyond side walls.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE West facade: Ionic portico at entrance level. 3 stories, with central gable and flanking stair towers. Buff brick with contrasting red brick pilasters, corbeled cornice, and decorative brick work (row of simulated round arch corbel tables on gable). Other walls: corbeled brick cornice, round headed windows (sash removed).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See sketch plan. ground floor has double row of Doric cast iron columns. Sanctuary open above, with balcony on three sides. Pressed metal ceiling and wall finish above wood wainscoting. Large stained glass windows in east and west have been removed.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1-story mechanical equipment room on north side, date unknown.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE vacant and deteriorated, many features missing or vandalized		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination form, October, 1980		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Paul Kiernan City of Long Branch		DATE 1985

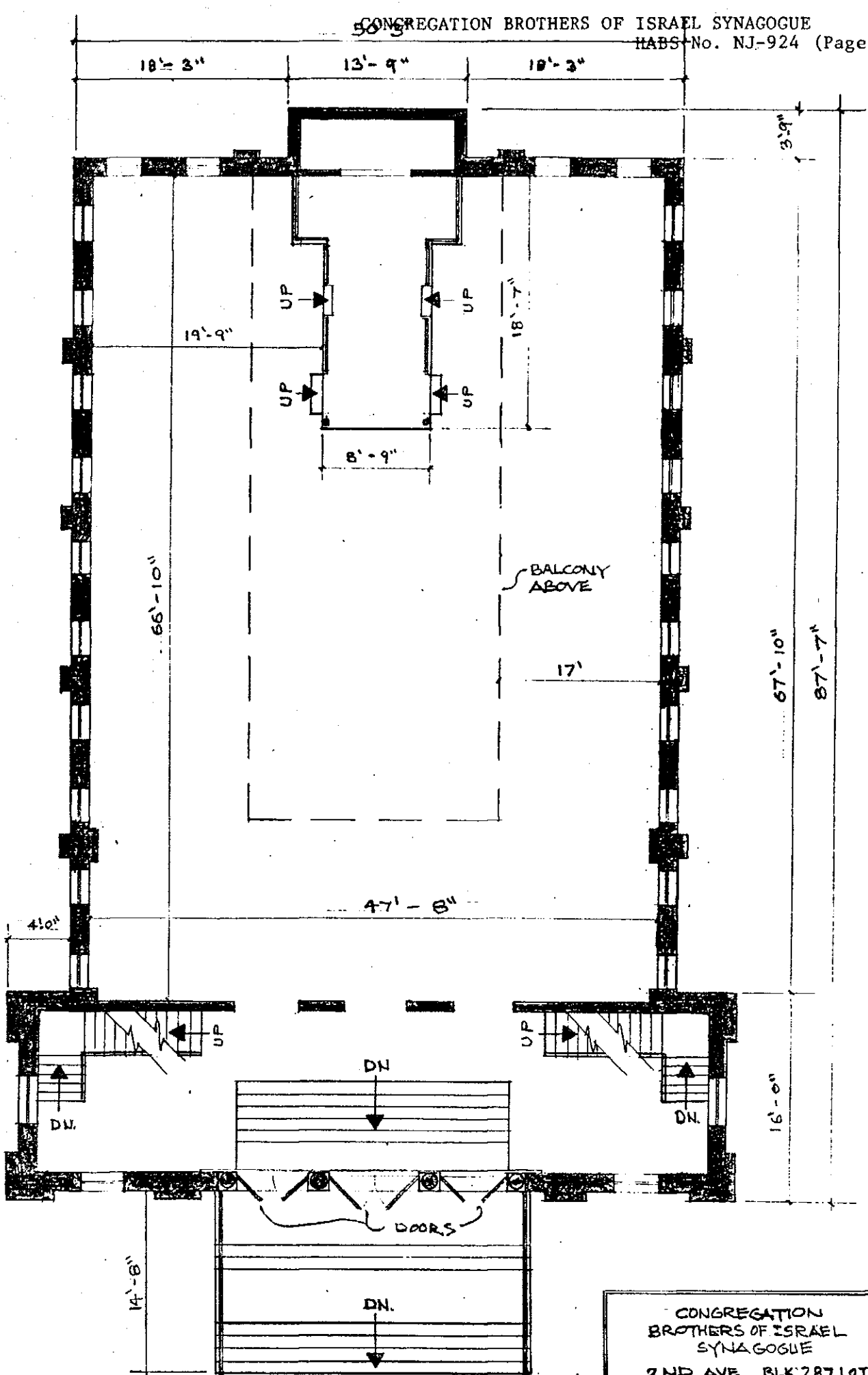
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SCALE
3/32" = 1'-0"



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